

## By the Queene.

The Queenes Maiesties proclamation, declaring her Princelie intention to inhibit  
*her subiects vpon most extreme paines, from offending on the Seas: any persons in*  
their ships or goods, being the subiectes of any Prince, Potentate, or  
State, in amitie with her Maiestie.

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The Queenes Maiestie vnderstanding of some generall complaints made against certeine of her subiects, that haue bene this last Summer on the Spanissh seas, to recouer of the Spaniards recompence for the notable iniuries by arrests and barbarous cruelties committed in Spaine and Portugall, against a great number of her subiects, (wherof no remedy could euer be had by order of iustice) as that they in seeking to recouer the proper goods of the Spaniards, should there with or by colour thereof, take the ships and goods of diuers subiects of other Princes and States being in amitie with her Maiestie: Thereupon her Highnesse, as before time she had alwayes done, commanded not onely her Councell, but namely such principall officers, as by their office had charge of her Ports, and her high Admirall, and the officers of all marine causes, to cause the truth of these generall complaints to be heard and examined: And if they were found true, to see both restitution and full recompence to be made to her frends subiects damaged, and the offendours to be punished as farre forth as the nature of their offence might deserue. And since that her Maiesties former commandement giuen, and due restitution made to as many as could be found iustly grieved, though a great number of the complainants were found to haue had no iust cause of their complaints, for that colourably many taking vpon them without warrant to be common factors, pretended title to the goods that were proued merely Spaniards: her Maiestie did lately vnderstand, that one ship, belonging to the Venetians, and one other ship, claimed to belong to some of the subiects of the grand duke of Tuscane, with which Seignorie and Duke her Maiestie profesleth to be in perfect good amitie, and doth repute them as her most louing frends, should be taken on the seas, vpon the coast of Portugall, and brought into some of her Ports, in the west part of her realme. Thereupon her Maiestie being inwardly moued in affection of her amitie to those States, gaue order to haue these latter causes not onely speedily to be examined, and redressed, if the same were true, but also did giue commandement, afore examination could be had, in respect the parties complaining had not then any good proofes of the proprietie of the goods, to haue the said vessels preserved with all their goods and ladinges: for which purpose there was choise made of such commissioners nere the Ports as the complainants did name, whereby may appeare to the world, but specially to the Seignory of Venice, and the grand Duke of Tuscane, what regard was had by her Maiestie to shew all fauours to their subiects.

And for further prooffe of her Maiesties honorable & frendly meaning in this case, and of the diligence vled by her Councell for the execution of her commandement, it is certeine that the ship of Venice with her lading is in safety. So as whatsoeuer can any wise be proued to belong to the Venetians, is speedily and without charge to be deliuered: and the other ship claimed by the Florentines, though in very truth the same is knowen to be English, and lately taken by Spaniards, is also in safety to be deliuered to the Owners, as by the law shall be iudged, and the goods also, as farre forth as they be extant: and such as were afore the complaint made, taken away, are either to be recouered, or recompence to be made by any that haue therein offended, contrarie to special order prouided vpon bonds, that no person licenced to go to the seas, should at his returne with any prise, breake any bulke, before the title to the goods were first examined in the Court of the Admiralty, and proued to belong to the Spaniard. And for that purpose her Maiesty hath straitly charged, that the offendours in dispersing any of the said goods of the Florentines, shall be apprehended, seuerely punished, and compelled to make full restitution to the Owners. And so her Maiestie now commandeth, that whosoever shall hereafter breake any bulke of the goods of any prise, (though the prise be lawfull) before the title thereto be allowed in the Court of the Admiralty, such offendour shall be imprisoned, and his ship with the prise also to be forfeited to her Maiesty, whereby iustice may be done to all persons that haue iust cause of complaint. And likewise her Maiestie declareth her intention to be, and so commandeth it to be executed, that if any person whatsoeuer, shall vpon the seas take any ships that doe belong to any subiects of her frends & allies (with whom she is in amitie) and after knowledge had that the said ships do belong to her frends, doe not forbear to keepe them, or shall take out of



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them any goods belonging to her said friends, the said persons so offending shall be reputed and tried as pirates, and shall receive the due punishment for piracy. And to the intent that all persons may understand with what conditions all persons serving on the seas against the Spaniard, are licenced: her Maiestie hath commanded that the very condition of the parties bonds that are licenced, should be annexed to this Proclamation, the which being duly observed, as her meaning is it should be, her Maiestie doubteth not but her actions shall be thought consonant to honour, to iustice, and to the allowance of her friends and allies, leaving the false calumniation of her enemies, and the avenge of their wilfull disturbance of the common peace of Christendome, for satisfying of their ambition, to the iudgement of Almighty God, to whose wisdom and power onely belongeth the chastisement of such as seeke for their owne ambition to confound the state of Christendome with bloody warres and depopulations of Christian countries, wherein they haue no interest. Given at her Maiesties manor of Richmond, the third day of february in the three and thirtieth yere of her reigne. 1590.

The forme of the Conditions limited to be obserued by all such  
as are licensed to go to the Seas against the Spaniardes.



The condition of this Obligation is such, That where there is Commission of reprisall graunted vnto A. B. to send to the Seas the good shippe called the p. of B. of the burden of Tunnes, or thereaboutes, whereof J. N. goeth capitaine and master, with men, ordinance, and victuals sufficient for the same seruice, for the apprehending and taking of the ships, goods, and marchandises of the king of Spaine, or anie of his subiects, as by the tenor of the said Commission more at large appeareth: If therefore the said J. N. with the said shippe the p. of B. and her companie, doe presentlie after their putting to Seas, with all possible speede repaire to the coasts of Spaine, Portugall, the Islands, and other remote places where the Spaniards and Portugals doe most vse their traffique and trade of Marchandises, and doe not attempt any thing against any of her Maiesties louing subiects, or the subiects of the French king, or of the kings of Scotland, Denmarke, or any princes of Italie being in league with her Maiestie, the inhabitants of the vnited prouinces of the Low countries, and Haunce townes, or any other Prince or Potentate being in good league and amitie with her Maiestie, but onelie against the said king of Spaine and his subiects, and his and their ships, goods and marchandises, and doe bring, or cause to be brought all such ships, goods and Marchandises as they shall happen to take and apprehend by vertue of the said Commission, together with two or three of the chiefeest persons of every ship which they shall take (whereof the Master and Pilot to be two) to some porte of this her Maiesties Realme of England, as shall be most conuenient for them, and doe not breake bulke, wasse, spoyle, sell, embezzle, or diminish any parte or parcell thereof, buttill they shall be adiudged in her Maiesties high court of the Admiraltie to be good and lawfull prise, and thereupon an Inuentorie to be taken by the viceadmirall of the place and porte where they shall so arriue, or his deputie, or other publike officers of the same, and an appraisement be made of the said ships and goods by some six honest men inhabitants of the said port, and that the saide Inuentorie and appraisement be returned into the said high court of the Admiraltie, within sixe weekes then next after ensuing: That then &c.

*God saue the Queene.*

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